

REMARKS

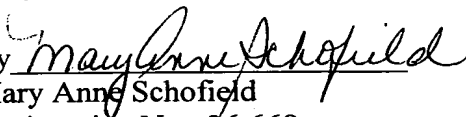
The Examiner states that the claims recite a number of polypeptide species and contends that the species are independent or distinct because they are not obvious over each other and because each polypeptide hormone is structurally and functionally distinct. As such, the Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants hereby elect the species "growth factor" for prosecution in this application. Claims 1-36 read on the elected species.

If additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. WO-BSX 302.3 US/10408996 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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